

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt/K. Wayne Smith^{WS}
SUBJECT: Smith's Backchannel on Using ABM Ban in Preamble

Gerard Smith wants to include in the ABM preamble the phrase, "The parties having as their ultimate aim a ban on ABMs." He cites our "serious" interest in a ban in the second phase of negotiations and asks if you have any objection to his proposing this phrase. (Tab B)

Obviously, this is another ploy to work back away from the President's decision not to try for a complete ban. Indeed, in his latest recommendation Smith favors a halt on ABM work at Grand Forks until we determine whether a complete ABM is feasible.

You should stop this drift immediately.

Accordingly, we have drafted a reply stating that you will discuss this at the Verification Panel (it is included in the Smith-Sonnenfeldt memo), and not to introduce any language of this sort.

RECOMMENDATION

That you send the backchannel message at Tab A.

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To: Ambassador Gerard Smith, SALT Delegation, Helsinki

From: Henry A. Kissinger, White House

At the Verification Panel meeting I intend to discuss your proposal (message #0235) on including mention of the ABM ban in the preamble. Meanwhile, you should not repeat not introduce any such phrase, or lead the Soviet delegation to believe that such language is acceptable. In general, you should not try to define the specific goals of the second phase.

Warm regards,

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVE EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

DEAR HENRY:

IN VIEW OF CLEAR GUIDANCE TO ME TO STRESS TO SOVIETS
OUR SERIOUS APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING ON INITIAL
AGREEMENTS -- INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR ABM BAN -- IS THERE
OBJECTION TO MY SUGGESTING INCLUSION IN ABM AD REFERENDUM
TEXT PREAMBLE LANGUAGE: "THE PARTIES HAVING AS THEIR ULTIMATE
AIM A BAN ON ABMS"?

WARM REGARDS

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